

5897. Misbranding of "Emerald Oil." U. S. * * * v. Moone Chemical Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 6741. I. S. No. 11218-1.)

On July 12, 1916, the United States attorney for the Western District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Moone Chemical Co., a corporation, Rochester, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about August 20, 1915, from the State of New York into the State of Michigan, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Emerald Oil," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Nonvolatile residue at 100° C. (grams per 100 cc)----- 0.045

Ash: None.

Oil volatile with steam.

Polarization direct, 200 mm tube----- +165.0

Polarization steam distillate, 200 mm tube----- +186.0

Camphor: Present in large amount.

Phenol: Present.

Aromatic essential oil (sassafras): Present.

Alkaloids: None found.

Color: Green.

Nonvolatile oil and glycerine: Absent.

Sample is essentially a solution of camphor, phenol and essential oil.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on its label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy or treatment for neuralgias, pimples, sore throats, goiter, tubercular glands, boils, abscesses, carbuncles, felons, fissures, fistula, piles, ingrowing toe nails, gangrene, cancers, and catarrhs, when, in truth and in fact, it was not. It was alleged in substance that the article was misbranded for the further reason that certain statements appearing in the circulars and pamphlets accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it as effective for reducing inflammation and swellings, tubercular glands, rheumatic and gouty conditions, swollen veins, and goiter; in the treatment of varicocele and hydrocele; as a remedy for varicose veins, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, sore throats, goiter, dog bites, torn or strained ligaments, sprains, ulcers, gangrene, and cancers, and for destroying in the system the poisons produced by the various germs, and as a powerful anodyne for subduing the inflammation and swelling that surrounds every diseased part, whether caused by an injury or infection, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On November 20, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.